

Ecuador's Missing Seebeck's

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Education Bureau Sponsors Exhibition

Brazil, through its Department of Education, was responsible for the latest large size exhibition of a philatelic nature at Rio de Janeiro, the capital city. According to Manoel F. da Motta of that city, the purpose of the show was to promote education through stamp collecting.

Open from August 1 to 9, collections on display came from school children in all the states of the country, plus some better exhibits from the country's leading collectors, the latter to show the youngsters how.

For this occasion and to mark the Day of the Stamp, and the 110th anniversary of its first postage stamp a 120Cr gray commemorative was issued. It pictures the Ministry of Education Building in its design.

On August 25, Brazil issued a set of five stamps to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Marshal Luiz Alves de Lima Silva, the Duke de Caxias.

Costa Rica Aims In Color Changes

According to Julian A. Weston, Apartado 1032, San Jose, Costa Rica, that nation has issued three airmails which are but old designs in new colors. They are Scott Catalog design AP8 which are now 5c blue, 10c green and 15c red.

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Overprints On Two Italian Stamps Trieste Tribute To UNESCO Meet In Florence

by Bert Happ
CHAPTER IX

UNESCO—The Pitti Palace — Florence

The Pitti Palace was begun by Lucca Pitti, wealthy citizen and then rival of the Medicis in 1440 after a design by Brunelleschi, which is an attempt to construct a colossal facade in an artistic manner from un-hewn blocks of stone. The face of the stone was left rough, giving an effect of vastness and ruggedness. Its courtyard was intended to be as large as the whole Strozzi Palace (rival family), but Pitti's money ran out.

Eleanor of Toledo, the first wife of the Grand Duke Cosimo I, bought the Pitti Palace in 1550 at her own expense from Pitti's heirs. The central part had been erected from Brunelleschi's design, but it was less than a quarter finished. Cosimo completed its central section, the seven central windows of the present facade, three stories high.

Later Medici dukes enlarged it, the present wings being added in the 17th century. It is 672 feet long, 119 feet high, three stories of 49 feet.



When Florence was capital of the Kingdom of Italy it was occupied by the king 1865-71. After World War I the House of Savoy gave it to the state. It is now Florence's second most important gallery of paintings, containing many masterpieces.

Cosimo I had Tribolo and Buontalenti build the Boboli Gardens in the 16th century. They contain a Venus by Giambologna, May Festivals, concerts and theatricals have been given here.

At the Eastern end is Fort San Giorgio, built by Duke Ferdinand I, Cosimo's second son. The gardens are behind the Pitti Palace.

"Perseus" by Benvenuto Cellini

Cellini returned to Florence aft-

er five years in France and Cosimo de Medici commissioned him to do Perseus with the head of Gorgon. From that day the pages of his Autobiography are full of the story of the statue, which today dominates the Piazza della Signoria from its position in the Loggia del Lanzi. It was the most ambitious work of Cellini to that time. His account of his troubles over the design, casting and completion of Perseus should be read in his own words.

Perseus in poised aloft, holding the bleeding head of the Gorgon, and though somewhat theatrical, seems the embodiment of the art of the later Renaissance—great technique and antique simplicity.

The statue surmounts a richly sculptured base of marble, enriched with four small figures in bronze, with a bronze bas-relief below of the rescue of Andromeda. One of Cellini's masterpieces.

The Holy Year

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J. F. McGee

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The card is of excellent white stock with a beveled gilt edge. (And "gilt-edged" back in those days indicated high class).

On the obverse side are five printed frames for mounting stamps as examples of the company's artistic workmanship. The stamps in the corner frames are color essays of the 1-sucra value of the type designed for the postage-telegraph stamps for the 1893 issue of Ecuador, a series that never appeared. The existence of these essays help to fill in the story of the missing 1893 set.

The essay that had been in the center space had been removed when I obtained and card and I filled it with a proof copy of the 50-centavos of the 1892 postage-telegraph set.

Ecuador was a faraway place from any spot in the U. S. in the 1890's. And Seebeck did not make

provisions like those signed by the governments of the three Central American republics. However he was granted permission to transfer the contract to any reputable person or printing company.

None of the English or American banknote companies, except the Hamilton, would accept the contract as a gift. Seebeck eventually took it over.

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a trip down there seeking a stamp printing contract, rather the contract sought him. It happened that Henry H. Etheridge, a representative of the firm of Waterlow and Sons, London, arrived in Ecuador in October, 1890, on business for his company.

Bad news awaited Mr. Etheridge. The Ecuadorian officials had read that Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador had entered into contracts with the Hamilton Banknote Company under which they were to receive new and different types of postage stamps and postal stationery annually for a ten-year period, which in return they were only to surrender the unsold remainders at the end of each year, and at the same time release the printing plates, with the authority for the reproductions of reprints from them.

The officials also wanted free stamps and postal stationery under a similar deal for Ecuador. Somehow Etheridge was persuaded to accept a contract with

Flores was the first president of Ecuador, being elected to that office shortly after Ecuador withdrew from the Columbian federation in 1830, and became an independent republic. He served three terms and continued such a power in the republic that his rivals induced the government to bribe him to leave the country and live in exile, the price being 20,000 pesos. But he soon returned and attempted to reinstate the ousted Dictator Noboa in the presidential chair by force.

The president, when the deal with Seebeck was made, was Antonio Flores, a grandson of the first president. Naturally he would have selected the portrait of his forebear for the distinction of having his likeness as the subject of the 1892 stamps. Apparently he later attempted to establish it as the standard subject for all Ecuadorian stamps.

If he needed a precedent for that he could have found it in (Continued on page 11)

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Comments On Canadian
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Lorne W. Benthall

While I have been severely criticizing the Canadian Postal officials for releasing such poorly designed stamps portraying Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in past columns, I, nevertheless, maintain there isn't any other country that can equal Canada when it comes to the investment angle.

Since inflation has hit several European countries, the Canadian economic outlook is considerably healthy today.

So much so that the Canadian politicians have reduced the national income tax.

And with this reduced income tax, it is expected by the politicians that the country will come out ahead with a surplus.

In other words Canada's leaders have been able to balance the country's budget, which proves that it is in a healthy financial situation. These factors directly influence the market for a country's stamps.

Comparing today's Scott and Stanley Gibbons catalogues to their earlier editions, one can readily see the steady increase in value in Canadian stamps.

In addition to the reasons outlined, there are two additional reasons which are advanced for the popularity of Canadian stamps the world over.

First, Canadian postal officials consider that postage stamps are primarily manufactured to transmit Her Majesty's Mails rather than have well-knit designs to please philatelists.

But, on the other hand, the Canadian Post Office Department does its utmost to see that Canadian stamps are well-designed.

The second reason is Canada's permanent stability, in the financial sense of the word.

Collectors are becoming more interested in the specializing field of plate block collecting.

And Canada has excellent material, along this line.

Unlike most other countries, after Canada's stamps become obsolete, the plates are automatically destroyed.

So collectors do not have to worry about their valuable stamps in their collections decreasing in value due to the officials printing another edition of obsolete stamps.

Several plate block positions of Canadian stamps are demanding high prices on the stamp market.

And it is expected that they will continue to do so in the coming years.

If you are looking for a field to specialize in, why not investigate the possibilities of collecting Canadian plate block stamps?

I am sure that you will not go wrong.

Strange as it may seem to many, the stamps Canada has issued during the past three years and even including the recent Queen Elizabeth stamps that are more than likely to increase in value are the ones with drab looking designs.

The reason why I hold this opinion is this: Collectors have a habit of neglecting to collect drab looking design stamps when they are available for face value, believing they will be obtainable any time.

Well, instead of collecting every stamp that comes out, the collectors usually concentrate on the attractively designed stamps.

A shining example of this is the 50-cent "Bluenose" and the 50-cent monument to Evangeline at Grande Pre.

As a matter of fact, any collector of Canadian stamps will undoubtedly vote the 50-cent "Bluenose" as the attractive stamp of the two.

In fact, today the "Bluenose" is selling for five dollars a copy in unused condition while the Grande Pre adhesive is selling for ten dollars an unused copy.

Canada's centenary set of stamps, issued in the fall of 1951 was a very popular set of stamps.

It wasn't in circulation very long and I predict that this particular issue will be one of the most sought after sets in the future.

Especially in fine used condition, this set is worthwhile for an investment angle.

While there has been quite a lot of controversy over the new Queen Elizabeth regulars as well as the Coronation commemorative by the philatelic and lay press in Canada from coast-to-coast, I am wondering whether or not if the Progressive Conservatives are elected to form the government this fall, they will be more liberal in their stamp designs than the Liberals have been in the past.

The Liberals have been far too conservative in their designs.

There is one outstanding rule governing the persons portrayed on Canada's postage stamps.

The only living persons allowed to have their features reproduced on Canadian stamps are members of the Royal Family, Historical personalities, who have passed on, are also portrayed.

They claim that if any outstand-

ing politician had his features reproduced on a postage stamp while he was living, it could be taken as an advertising scheme to promote his party's interests.

There are two stamps of the 1942-43 War Issues of Canada that are good items for investment purposes.

They are the four-cent Grain Elevator and the 13-cent "Ram" Tank. The reason why I believe these stamps are good items for investment purposes is that they were issued in limited quantities.

The Post Office Department didn't restrict the quantities on purpose as they do for special commemorative issues.

The postal rates were increased from three-cents to four-cents for out-of-town letters and the registration fee from 13-cents to fourteen cents.

This necessarily called for printing two new stamps to meet the required change. They printed a four-cent stamp showing a portrait of the late King George VI and the fourteen-cent stamp had the same design—a "Ram" Tank.

With this change in postal rate, it naturally caused the philatelists to clamor for the two previous issues (the four-cent Grain Elevator and the thirteen-cent "Ram" Tank).

Here's a true story. No doubt you haven't heard it.

About four years ago when a Canadian citizen in Victoria, British Columbia, went to a post office to buy a sheet of airmail stamps in order to send some letters to his friends, he was given an imperforated sheet.

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Three Chilean Post
Offices In Antarctic

The "Boletin Antartico" no. 19 (May-October 1951) of Chile throws some light on the present existence of Chilean post offices in the far south.

There are, it appears, three offices. The first one, opened in 1947, is known as "Arturo Prat." This is at the naval base of "Puerto Soberania" on Greenwich Island, in the South Shetlands. Its postmark reads simply "Territorio Chileno Antartico."

The military base is "Bernardo O'Higgins," located at Cape Legoupil on the Grahamland Peninsula. Its post office was opened in 1948, and used postmark with legend "O'Higgins (Antartida) Chile."

The most recent establishment is the air force base of "Presidente Gonzalez Videla," at a spot called "Bahia Paraiso." This base was constructed, apparently, in 1951. The postmark used here reads "Expedicion Gabriel Gonzalez Videla."

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Wednesday, September 23
9:00 A. M. Registration
10:00 A. M. Opening of Exhibition and Bourse
12:00 A. M. Jury meets for lunch
2:00 P. M. Meeting of A.P.S. Board of Directors
7:00 P. M. Barbecue and Dance
10:00 P. M. Exhibition closes

Thursday, September 24
9:00 A. M. Show, Bourse open
10:00 A. M. Business meeting of A.P.S.
11:30 A. M. Style show and luncheon for the ladies in the "Emerald Room"
12:00 Noon Convention picture
After-noon—Sightseeing tour of Houston and the Battle-grounds
2:30 P. M. Auction held by Robert A. Siegel
7:00 P. M. A.P.S. banquet
10:00 P. M. Exhibition closes

Friday, September 25
8:30 A. M. Writers breakfast
9:00 A. M. Show, Bourse open
9:30 A. M. Business meeting
After-noon—Sightseeing trip to Jan Jacinto Battle Ground by bus & boat
2:30 P. M. Philatelic speaker
10:00 P. M. Exhibition closes

Saturday, September 26
10:00 A. M. Show, Bourse open
6:00 P. M. Show closes



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The Reverend A. Daniel, P. O. Box 186, West Palm Beach, Fla. has a fine lot of duplicate covers from German-occupied Holland, Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Fiume, Trieste, Norway, Luxembourg, France, Italy and Estonia. Such material legitimately used is mighty scarce and is seldom seen even in the big World War II collections.

In a recent appearance of his popular "Comments About Canadian Stamps, Past and Present" in Linn's Lorne W. Bentham brands the printer's waste imperforate Canadian stamps, which were sneaked out of the back door, "junk—worthless from a collector's point of view." Yepp, that's the material showing up in almost every USA sale of any size and which frantic bidders run up to \$25-\$250 a pair or block. Oh hum. These imperfs were, of course, never on public sale in any post office, and are in no sense errors, and were postally used only by philatelists, intent on creating artificial value.

We are all used to the lavish Eastern auction house sale catalogs BUT, have you ever seen the super-duper ones issued by the Wilshire Philatelic Service of 1208 La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles (35)? This western firm handles a large amount of deluxe material, matching anything New York has to offer, and its catalogs are worthy of the material offered. Charles Kamp is, incidentally, the licensed auctioneer in charge.

You can't collect stamps intelligently, that is, beyond the accumulator stage, without philatelic literature telling you the whys and wherefores of your precious bits of paper. Not only that, if you're "in the know," you can repeatedly pick up at ordinary copy prices specialty items which haven't been spotted and which save you many times the cost of the work. Despite this, philatelic literature has never been a ready seller and even now many masterly works are brought out in editions of 500 or less.

I've just been checking over some of the classics in my library. For instance, the original Zareski work in French on USA cancellations came out in 300 copies, the Survey of Egypt's incomparable Hejaz volume in 200, the Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society in 120 sets. Jeff's Introduction to Advanced Philately in 200, Deaville's study of the postal system of Vancouver and British Columbia 500, Lee's Uruguay 200, Polansky-Rachmanow Postwertzeichen und Poststempel

von Polen 300, and Crustin's monograph on the 5 franc 1894 of Congo Free State 125 copies.

To me, the odd thing is that stamp clubs do not purchase these things as they appear. Once out of print, many philatelic works bring \$50-75 at auction, but most clubs and most collectors pass them up while still available despite handsome treasury balances. Just what are stamp clubs for anyhow?

Airmail stationery is slowly but surely bringing back postal stationery in general. Not only are some stamp papers, such as The Philatelic Magazine, now chronicling postal cards, wrappers and envelopes from all parts of the world as these come out, we are soon to have a comprehensive postal stationery catalog covering issues from the beginning right down to the present published here in the USA. There are, happily, still a few old stocks extant. Country specialists have been the chief ones buying from them for the past half century but there will be a grand rush as soon as this new catalog (the first general one on this side since about 1905) comes along and the old time stocks today are found in Germany, Austria and France where interest never entirely died down.

Several readers write that they have been interested in taking up Indian Native States issues as recommended here recently, but that practically no dealers carry them. Correct—they are quite dead here in the USA at present and dealers dump them whenever they find some in a collection or job lot they have acquired. If you don't get in on such a dump, bid at auction — lots come up several times a week and I have purchased them dirt cheap for years. You'll seldom have to pay over 1-10th Scott.

A number of philatelic exhibitions I have attended recently, in the Mid-West and on the Pacific Coast, have had frames of forgeries beautifully written up and proudly displayed by their owners who apparently no longer fear seizure by Treasury officials.

Back in the 80's, the Seaf Brothers in Germany illustrated their Briefmarken Journal with reproductions of the large Columbian Registration labels then so eagerly sought but long since dropped by Scott. This same firm put out reproductions of the USA Newspaper stamps in correct colors as cheap space-fillers. All such items, properly inscribed "Falsch," i.e., "Not Genuine," bob up periodically and almost any dealer has a few of them knocking around stripped from old collections. These items are at times overprinted "Facsimile" and there were obviously several editions of them for several types of overprint were used — large, small, at top, at bottom, with serif, without serif, etc. specialists go for such material with a bang.

One London wholesaler is offering parcels of current unused Ascension, Cayman and South-West Africans below face value, and job lots of assorted George VI at a straight

10 percent off. A nice way quickly to unload surplus stock and oddments. A nice way too for dealers to get stock.

Many cancelled-to-order Egyptian commems have been seen of late, for example the 1945 Farouk Birthdays, the 1945 Ismail Pashas, the 1949 Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition sheets, the 1951 Weddings and Wedding miniature sheets and the 1949 Nguib Revolutions. There was a time when the Egyptian postal administration wouldn't stoop to this Liberia-like procedure.



Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

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The long awaited type from ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO has finally made its appearance. I have heard rumors that there was an error in the first plate sent out and it had to be returned. Just what the error was is not clear. Anyway the new spelling of the city has appeared on precancels. It is the U-121n type and the legend is split up as follows. St. Clairs- top line, ville, Ohio, bottom line. There definitely is a dash after 'Clairs'. The item seen was a 2c President.

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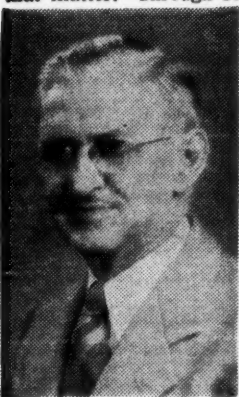
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S.P.A. Convention A Flop

A few weeks back we used a lot of space in this paper to urge you to take your vacation and go to Tampa and attend the S.P.A. Convention. Had we known what we now know we never would have printed that matter. Through some unfortunate circumstances the entire Society of Philatelic Americans has suffered a severe setback. We would believe that in years to come prospective attendants would want to be assured that accommodations and other facilities at their annual convention would be first class.



GEORGE W. LINN

If it were not for the fact that we feel that this is a serious matter for the Society we would merely say that the convention was held in Tampa . . . PERIOD.

We would feel better if we could pass the matter off in this manner but when we realize that complaints were voiced by everyone who spoke about the event even including officers of the Society, we feel we ought to urge that in future conventions the Society make an effort to find out in advance as to how the show is to be conducted. That it will be held where accommodations are first class.

Collectors who travel several hundred miles into a city that is known to be a hot town certainly have a right to expect that when they get there they can find a room in a hotel that is air conditioned and comfortable and where they can get a meal that is served in an atmosphere that is inviting and pleasant. They should also hope that the space for the bourse and exhibition will be suitable for such.

It would be difficult for me to look back at the many conventions I have attended and find one where everything was so far wrong as in this instance.

It would be but natural to believe that those responsible for the arrangements must have lacked experience, it is charitable on our part to concede this fact for there is but one other thing that could have brought about a situation such as was and that is, someone could have made a profit on the deal. We have always preached that no stamp society should ever put on a show or a convention with the thought of making a profit. It is necessary, of course, that enough be charged for the various things on the program to pay for the expense. Should a group putting on an event of this nature wind up with a small profit that is unavoidable but, it would be more to the credit of any local club if they lost fifty or even a hundred dollars in their effort to entertain than that they made some jack.

We believe it would be far better if the S.P.A. would insist on examining the plans of any local club and approve them before letting them proceed with convention arrangements. It would be far better if the Society would even go so far as to assure the local club of some support and frankly tell them that the Society would make up any loss of any sum up to one hundred dollars if requested.

The hotel was one of the oldies, a fine place fifty years ago but no place for a convention today. No air conditioning except in a small dining room in the lower regions and a dark bar room alongside.

Upstairs it was hot and uncomfortable, the rooms were antiquated and the arrangements for the events within the hotel were bad. A so called Jamboree at which tables were set up in the lobby of the hotel and the participants paid \$3.00 per head for a plate of Turkey or Roast Beef with iced tea or coffee at ten o'clock at night after which a bevy of overdressed girls in Spanish costumes gave a bit of entertainment.

If there is anyone who reads this that attended an event of the Columbus Philatelic Club held at the old Virginia Hotel in Columbus, Ohio, where an eight act full vaudeville entertainment was put on they will understand what we mean.

On top of this kind of thing the lobby of the hotel was also used for the Harry Weiss show. It must have cost a good sum of money to bring Harry and his show to Tampa and after spending that money the accommodations for the show were such that many of those who tried to see or hear were unable to do so and left in disgust.

Perhaps the one bright spot in the whole affair was the banquet. It is very fortunate that the hotel at which the convention was held could not handle the banquet and as a result the banquet was held a block down the street at a big new air conditioned hotel where one at least had comfort.

Tampa has a reputation as a tough town, the rackets there are the constant cause of unsavory reputation, yet there is much that is good and beautiful about the city and perhaps some day the bad element will be removed.

However, at this show the biggest theft that ever occurred at any national Philatelic Society Convention or meeting was pulled off. This was the theft of the entire lot of auction lots, after the sale had been held. You have already read of this in our issue of August 24th.

Whether the fact that almost any key to any door in the hotel would open any other door had anything to do with this or not we do not know. We did discover along with others that one room key would fit many other doors as well as your own. Had this been generally known perhaps most of the attendants would have sat up most of the night guarding their luggage.

All in all we were sadly disillusioned. When one travels 500 or 1000 miles to attend a convention they expect the best. Even if their hotel rooms had cost them a few dollars more they would not have complained if accommodations were right, but to venture into a city as hot as Tampa usually is at this season of the year and then be obliged to put up with such accommodations as were offered is an insult to all who attended. We were even told that some went to other large air conditioned hotels and got rooms for less money. While in Florida we went to Daytona Beach and had a room at a BIG beach hotel for half what our room in Tampa cost us. We urge the S.P.A. to be sure in the future that its convention will not be sabotaged.

This year will go down in philatelic history as from the "Ridiculous to the Sublime" for the A.P.S. will meet at the great Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Texas. It will be warm there no doubt too, but at least the guests will be in comfort.

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Prepare Cachet For Fair Exhibit

The Rutland, Vt. Stamp Club is sponsoring an exhibition at the Rutland Co. Fair September 7 to 12. To mark the occasion the club is sponsoring a cacheted envelope at 25c which will be cancelled on any one day. It will be possible to get a series of the covers one for each date.

Requests and payments are to be sent to L. E. Shore, 92 Meadow St., Rutland, Vt. The club will have some extras to take care of late requests.



FOREIGN SLOGAN CANCELS. Santa Claus figures in the Australian one at the top which also has the legend, "POST-NOW-FOR-CHRISTMAS". In the center Stuttgart, Germany used a Zebra and two Giraffes and the wording, AFRICA - STEPPEN - TIERE - DER WILHELM - STUTTGART. Asking for blood donors is not a thing common just to the United States alone as the slogan from Hong Kong, lower, indicates it reads "PLEASE BECOME A BLOOD DONOR" in both English and Chinese. The telephone number to call to make an appointment can be seen at the right in the fourth line. These are shown through the courtesy of H. M. Brehm, New London, Wis.

Airlines Join Hands For New Service

For the first time in airline history, direct one-plane service between the Pacific Northwest and the Southwest will become available in September when interchange operations are begun by United Air Lines, Continental Airlines and Brandt International Airways.

Passenger - mail - cargo flights linking Seattle-Tacoma and Portland with Wichita and Tulsa via the Denver gateway, will be inaugurated by United and Continental on September 15. Twelve days later, on September 27, United and Braniff will begin daily flights between the same Pacific Northwest cities and Oklahoma City, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston via Boise, Salt Lake City and Denver.

Four-engined DC-6s will be used exclusively in providing the new service. United crews will fly between Seattle-Tacoma and Denver where Continental and Braniff crews will take over.

Arizonans Announce September Banquet

The first annual banquet of the Cochise Stamp club of Douglas, Arizona will be held Saturday, September 19.

A banquet souvenir overprint will be available and will be for sale by the secretary, G. Holly Way, 1300-14th St., Douglas, Arizona. Price will be 10c each plus stamped return envelope.

There will be a small stamp exhibit and of special interest will be the display of designs entered in the recent Gadsden Purchase Centennial design contest conducted by the club.

A bourse will be held in connection with the banquet and exhibit. Phoenix and Tucson dealers have been invited to be present.

1953 STAMP PROGRAM

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Oct. 13—Future Farmers of America 3c, Kansas City, Mo. (50 per pane, 110 million).

Oct. 27 — Trucking Industry, Los Angeles, Calif. (Value to be announced).

Nov. 11—Gen. Patton 3c, Fort Knox, Ky.

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1017—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C. February 23.

1018—Ohio Sesqui 3c, Chillicothe, Ohio, March 2.

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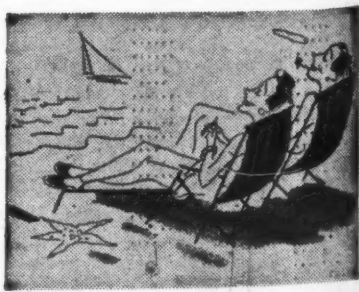
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On August 17 was printed here a letter which was not too complimentary to the Trucking Industry brought on by the announcement of the Trucking commem. The ideas were pretty well taken for the letter was written by a man who should have some experience whether the finger-pointing was justified. He is the secretary of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, H. A. Thompson.

And I believe, from what I have read in newspapers and magazines, and have heard from state highway officials who have spoken on the subject, that the Trucking Industry has not carried its fair share of the highway cost load. In fact just this year, our state of Ohio passed legislation to put more of the cost to the truckers.

But now for a letter from Bill Brown of Manchester, Mich.: — "I hate to criticize, but I think that the article in your column by H. A. Thompson was disgraceful. "We went to Missouri on our vacation, and a large part of our trip back was by night.

"We found the truck drivers the most courteous — they were the only ones to dim their lights on most occasions — they drove carefully — and were, of course, the safest drivers in this respect.

"As a matter of fact I think that the truck drivers deserve a great amount of praise — truck driving is a big job — hard on the nerves — does a lot to help to keep our country civilized. . . .

I can go along 100 percent for Mr. Brown's good words for the nation's truck drivers. I'd take it a step further and say that if all the drivers of automobiles in the United States were as safe, courteous and willing in their leaning over backwards to give "dern fool" drivers the right of way, our highway slaughter would be about one-tenth what it now is.

But the honor is for the Trucking Industry of which the driver is but a part, and as such has been granted the stamp.

1. President James A. Garfield is pictured on the 20c of the Presidential regulars. Who are pictured on the 19c and 21c stamps?
2. Stephen Decatur and Thomas MacDonough are pictured on what same stamp?

Price consciousness is something which nearly all people have in the spending of their money for a product or service. Stamp collectors seem to have it in strong measure when purchasing items for their collections. It is a good virtue if you're spending a dollar to save a couple of cents.

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And, the 1951 20c special delivery; the 10c, 15c and 20c special handling; plus the Duck stamps of 1949-50-51-52-53, at \$2 each.

H. R. Bechtel of Davenport, Iowa calls my attention to one of the fellow-citizens of his state, Mrs. Sears Nelson of Denison. Mrs. Nelson is a stamp collector. Surprised?

She isn't an ordinary one though for one big reason — she makes full use of her duplicates, the extras which most collectors store away in boxes, bags and envelopes. Hers have been used as wallpaper. One room of the Nelson home has been done over with stamps. Not only the walls and ceiling have sustained the philatelic touch, but a number of the furnishings in it bear stamps as the table-top, lampshade and wastebasket.

She just doesn't paste them on indiscriminately and offend the eye of the viewer; they're formed into various block color patterns as for instance a block of thirty red commems alongside a block of thirty greens all of the same design of that color.

It has taken three years to do, and an unknown quantity of United States and foreign used stamps. Mrs. Nelson knows how many, and she offers a prize to him, or her who guesses the figure.

She and her husband are of Scandinavian parentage so stamps of Sweden, Norway and Denmark are displayed surrounding a portrait of old King Oscar of Sweden.

Toshio Uyeno of Tokyo, Japan has some comment of interest about the recently issued Perry-Japanese Treaty commem of July 14. He wrote:

"The picture of that issue (Perry commem) finely represents the theme by skillfully using 'kurofune' (Perry's Squadron), samurai, grasses of the coast, pine-tree and the moon. The sole problem in the scenery is Fujiyama. It is quite doubtful that one can see Mt. Fuji from the Coast of Kanagawa — a district in recent Yokohama — in the moonlight. Of course, I know Mt. Fuji is the greatest symbol in Japan. But even without Mt. Fuji, I think, the designer could not be at a loss to depict the seashore sight of Jap-n.

..... You know, by the way, we Japanese call Perry's Squadron 'kurofune'. 'Kuro' means black, and 'fune' means ship. A hundred years ago our ancestors were amazed at the sight of four unfamiliar black ships coming into the Tokyo Bay. Since then 'kurofune' has come into (the) Japanese vocabulary with the meaning of 'Perry's Squadron'."

The fall, winter and spring exhibition seasons are now almost upon us and a number of you will be seized with the fine urge to display your stamps. With many, the fine urge dies aborning, for some it also dies along the way to accomplishment.

You might as well realize some facts, one especially, that a nicely mounted and annotated exhibit isn't put together over a week-end. Weeks and months of free time are represented in those eye-catchers which win prizes.

There is not only the mechanical side of finding a good style of mounting, there is also the researching leading to intelligent and expressive write-ups. You've also got to develop some courage and grit to carry you through when your pets don't cop one of the trophies or ribbons.

Remember, the prize-winners are the ones who have been showing at a number of shows for quite some time, and have for the most part visited many exhibitions seeing how the other fellow does it. You very seldom make the big leagues your first time out. Like in baseball, you might have to start in a Class C or D League and come up through the grades as you get experience and know how.

This all boils down, of course, to my urging you to prepare your material for exhibition beginning right now.

The exhibition chairman has a hard way to go as it is without having to beg you for a display, and then at the last minute having you tell him you weren't able to get one ready because you had to sit up a number of nights with your uncle Amoeba who came down with a virulent case of kaffee klatch in his wienerschnitzel.

1. 19c-Rutherford B. Hayes; 21c-Chester A. Arthur.
2. The 2c Navy of 1937.

1953 Chicago Show In Early December

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NYASALAND PROTECTORATE. The stamps of Northern and Southern Rhodesia are popular but those of Nyasaland have been somewhat neglected. In view of the coming Federation of all three, the stamps of Nyasaland should be in demand. The set 54-67 is not easy to obtain and looks good. The 9d No. 61 is quite scarce and should be increased in the new catalogues.

NEW ZEALAND. The 1950 Health set B 36-37 with Princess Elizabeth and Prince Charles is so popular that although there were about 5 1/2 million complete sets issued, it is now getting scarce and substantial increases in the catalogue prices can be expected. It is still available at about the catalogue price of 20c.

BARBADOS. Watch the 8 pence red violet stamp of 1946, No. 199A. This stamp was withdrawn from sale on short notice and is quite scarce mint or used. Barbados is and always has been a popular colony with collectors.

AUSTRALIA. The one shilling Lyrebird stamp No. 175 exists with various perforations and is catalogued by Scott at 25c regardless of perforation. In the first printing in 1937 this stamp was perforated 13 1/2 x 14 or 14 x 13 1/2. With this perforation, same is priced by Gibbons at 35 shillings and the Commonwealth Catalogue price is 25 shillings. Check your copy as those perforated 13 1/2 x 14 or 14 x 13 1/2 are quite scarce and will probably be increased in the new catalogues.

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The Faith Of Islam

Gertrude Boss

Today after Islam has long passed its zenith, there are over 270 million human beings following the faith of Mohammed, and are influenced by the culture of his conquering "Faithful." Centuries ago the Sumerians, Assyrians and Babylonians made the entire valley between the Tigris and the Euphrates, known as Mesopotamia, into a veritable "Garden of Eden."

About 2100 before Christ the Babylonians were a power in the known world. Then came the Assyrians who were rulers there about 800 B. C.

The oldest alphabetical inscriptions ever found were made by the Phoenicians these named after King Ahiram, (Scott No. J-34 of Lebanon) who lived about 1850 B. C.

The Arameans, living about 1400-1000 B.C. are recalled by a stamp Syria issued, showing an ancient throne.

Palestine shows on her stamps the grave of Rachael, also the Tower of David, as they appear today. These are Scott types A5 and A3. There is a picture of the Sea of Galilee on A6 a design which also includes a picture of the city of Tiberias, where Jesus of Nazareth preached.

Trans-Jordan which God enjoined Moses to regard as a part of Canaan, has an appealing set of pictorial stamps of which Kerak Castle is one. Of Kerak it was Lawrence of Arabia who spoke about the heat, in these poetic words:—"Through the breathless noon in the Valley of Kerak, the prisoned air had brooded stagnantly without relief, while the heat sucked the perfume from the flowers."

The few Assyrians left in the peninsula of Arabia today are descended from the founders of Ninevah, who under Sennacherib came against the kingdom of Judah "like the wolf on the fold". Besides being the land of Christians and Jews it is the homeland of the Moslems as well, a fact which indicated many idolators to be reckoned with.

In the city of Mecca alone, in Hejaz, (Nejd No. 2 to No. 4) there were 365 idols housed in one building standing in the center of the city. This place was called "Ka'aba" and the idolators made annual pilgrimages there.

Into these heathen surroundings there was born the Prophet Mohammed. Allah was the chief of the Arabian gods, and this chief revealed himself to Mohammed through the archangel Gabriel. This revelation came to him in a state of high emotional trance. In it he was transported to heaven, from the spot on earth where the Hebrew Temple of Jerusalem had been destroyed.

It was here he later caused to be built "The Dome of the Rock". Stamp of Palestine type A4 shows this and also it is to be seen on type A59 of Turkey, as the Moslems held sway there also in a later day

in their great conquests of many nations. Mohammed's call to prophesy came, not till after he was 40, when he was a successful business man.

Allah's messages were transcribed on the ribs of palm trees, and on tablets of white stone and on the shoulder blades of the bleached bones of sheep, but most of all in the memories of men. The great message was—"God alone is great; I testify there are no gods but "G O D" and Mohammed, his prophet."

Thus we again see the very heart of man has always been in search of a doctrine of monotheism—one god over all. Apparently Mohammed intended to design a religious system which would enable the Arabs to end their feuds as well as to convert these idol worshippers, to monotheism. The system stressed racial equality and in the Koran we read these words—"The Faithful are brethren; therefore make peace between your brothers, and fear God."

"O, Believers let not men laugh men to scorn who happily may be better than themselves."

"The noblest of you in the sight of God is the most God-fearing"

The people of Mecca did not accept the teaching willingly, but 200 accompanied him to Medinah, in the year 662, from which event the Islamic calendar begins. This fact is evident from the stamps of many Moslem nations, which have this year recorded on them, as for instance the overprints of Hejaz No. 160 and Syria No. C-136 to 139.

Because of the law forbidding the making of images, we find a complete absence of pictorial illustrations on the older stamps, of the more orthodox Moslem countries. Instead we have intricate geometrical designs, and beautifully executed writings, the most striking of which are the stamps of Hejaz Type A1 to A6, considered among the most beautiful stamps ever issued because of their simplicity.

The translations of all the inscriptions on this series is—"Mecca, The Blessed", although they may appear to be different. Mo-

ammed made war on Mecca, and was victorious, and since he could destroy all the idols, the Meccans accepted the faith. Mecca became the holiest place of Islam and every Moslem is told to turn his face toward Mecca and pray five times a day.

Medinah, possessing Mohammed's tomb is the second, and "The Dome of The Rock", seen on stamps of Palestine type A4, is the third most sacred place in Moslem history. The Moslem armies carried culture and civilization into a large number of nearby countries; Jews and Christians in these were allowed to pursue their faith.

Cities like Cairo and Baghdad were founded, while Aramaic Hebrew, Persian, Greek and Roman Scriptures were translated into Arabic and preserved for western civilization in giant libraries. They were later introduced to Europe through Spain, Sicily and southern Italy.

Stamp collectors will be interested to know that the first paper factory outside China was opened in Baghdad before 900 A.D.

The first public postal service was ordered by Caliph Haroun al-Rashid over 700 years before Thurn & Taxis were ordered by imperial German edict to establish the first one in Europe.

Shortly after the death of Mohammed, in the seventh century the Shiah Moslems wanted a hereditary substitute, from the descendants of Ali and Fatima, Mohammed's daughter. The Persian Moslems belonged to this Shiah. In Iraq there are four Shiah shrines, seen on their stamps, types A7, A18, A21, and A23. These are great Moslem Mosques.

The story of how Britain gained control of Iraq, formerly Mesopotamia goes back to Mecca and Hejaz. This another and a long story. Stamps listed under Mesopotamia are occupation stamps, and portray Turkish subjects. Saudi Arabia is listed in the second volume of the catalog but the reader is advised to see Nejd and having looked at Nejd, he is further commanded to "see Hejaz" (fine print)

Grand Junction Show In Early November

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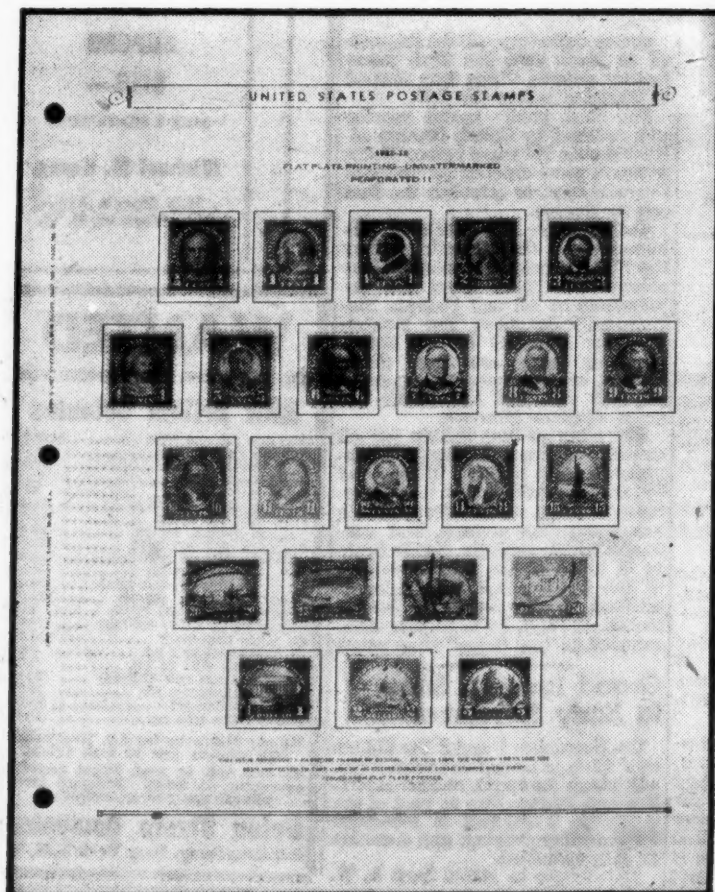
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AUSTRALIA — Released on August 5 at the General Post Office in Melbourne was a 2½ pence newspaper wrapper bearing the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. Other post offices will receive supplies of this as soon as their supplies of the George VI wrappers are exhausted.

GERMANY — (West Zone) — A 5 pfennig bistre brown stamp has been issued picturing the Freedom Bell. The clapper on this stamp hangs straight down. Two stamps, semi-postals, have been issued. Both are inscribed "Ifraha 1953." One, the 10 pfennig plus 2 pfennig dull green and rose is the portrait of Pala's Thurn and Taxis. The 20 pfennig plus 3 pfennig copper red and dark blue shows a hugh group of modern buildings which will be erected in Frankfurt-am-Main.

KOREA — Two red cross stamps have been issued, one a horizontal and the other a vertical stamp. Both values are 10 won plus 5 won and picture stretcher case and two nurses helping a soldier to walk, respectively.

NIGERIA — The values on the new definitive set, previously reported, are, — ½ pence, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1 shilling, 2s.6d, 5s, 10s and 1 Pound.

PANAMA — The Panamanian Postal Agency advises that two stamps, issued in honor of the centenary of the founding of this country's first newspaper, "La Estrella de Panama." The values and colors are 5c red and 10c blue.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA — The new definitive set for this country will have fourteen values, all showing various scenes of Rhodesia, and will picture Queen Elizabeth II wearing a tiara. The values, being prepared by Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co. are ½ pence, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 4½d, 6d, 9d, 1 shilling, 2s, 2s.6d, 5s, 10s, and 1 Pound.

TURKEY — A set of stamps is to be issued which will depict the famous ruins of Ephesus, city of Asia Minor which was founded around 1000 B.C.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA — According to the Pretoria Philatelic Agency, two special stamps, to mark the centenary of their postage stamps, will be placed on sale at all post offices on September 1. The adhesives will have as their central design the 1853 issue, and the values will be 1 pence reddish brown and 4 pence blue.

**Galter President
Of Club At Waterloo**

Waterloo, Iowa's Cedar Valley Stamp Club is now under the guidance of a newly elected slate of officers. Counting of the ballots indicates that Morris Galter has been elevated to the top position of the club as president.

Vice presidents are Margaret Cooper and D. Nutting; secretary-treasurer J. Doyle, 1122 Riehl St., Waterloo, Iowa.

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**O.P.S. 21st Annual
At Guthrie, Okla.**

On October 2 to 4 the Logan County Stamp Club will be host to the 21st annual convention and exhibition of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society at the spacious Masonic Temple at Guthrie, Okla.

This year it will be possible for non-members of the OPS to display their collections. A prospectus with the details can be gotten from Dr. James H. Petty, 521 E. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

Collectors, of course, will have a number of philatelic activities to claim their attention including the banquet Saturday evening, and the philatelic agency and post office on the exhibition floor. Non-collectors will have entertainment too via a number of planned programs.

A cacheted cover, with the special exhibition station cancellation will sell for 15c or two for 25c. A convention seals sells at 10c per copy or three for 25c. Orders for either, and payments, and a name and address are to be sent to Mrs. Carl Voris, P. O. Box 116, Guthrie, Okla.

**Hubbard Elected
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Members of the Sandwich, Ill. Stamp Club balloted for new officers recently with the tallies showing that W. Morris Hubbard was elected president.

Others in the official family are vice president Emerson Lawhorn; treasurer Lewis Q. Spack; and secretary Pauline Newton, 321 E. Third St., Sandwich, Ill.

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But his restless spirit would not let him abide in one spot for very long in this wonderful new world, and in 1697 he submitted to Louis XIV, King of France, a well-considered plan for establishing a settlement in the "Northwest." Receiving the monarch's permission in 1701, he began, with 50 soldiers and 50 settlers, the erection of a tiny trading post, which grew and expanded and extended until it became today's super city of Detroit.

It first became an incorporated village in 1815—then a city in 1824—and the capital of Michigan territory in 1837. Thus, from a little acorn Indian trading post, a mighty oak city that makes the most motor-cars anywhere in the world grew and grew and is still growing. Nice work, Sieur Cadillac.

Still restless and seeking further fields to explore and conquer, the French crown appointed him as governor of French Louisiana in 1712—which post he held until 1717, when he chose to return to his beloved Gascony and France. He died there in 1720.

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Sept. 23-26—American Philatelic Society Convention-Exhibition, Shamrock Hotel, Houston, Texas.
Sept. 26-27—Philatelic Society of Cincinnati, Sheraton-Sinton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Oct. 2-4—Oklahoma Philatelic Society, Masonic Temple, Guthrie, Okla. Logan County Stamp Club, hosts.
Oct. 9-10—Italy Stamp Group, Collector's Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City.
Oct. 9-11—Mound City Stamp Club, Hotel DeSoto, St. Louis, Mo.
Oct. 23-25—Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, Davenport, Iowa, Quad-City Stamp Club, hosts.
Oct. 24-25—Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Englewood Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1—American Philatelic Congress, Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J.
Nov. 6-7—Pueblo Stamp Club, 101 S. Grand Ave., Pueblo, Colo.
Nov. 7-8—Collectors' Club of Grand Junction, Grand Junction, Colo.
Nov. 11-17—Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area, Department of Commerce Auditorium, Washington, D. C.
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Seebeck, on the other hand, was only interested in sales and profits, and those called for stamps with new and different subjects each year, and so did the contract. We know from the essays that Seebeck had planned a new type of postage-telegraph stamps for 1893, but for some reason there was a reissue of the 1892 types, dates and all for 1893.

The president unquestionably would not have permitted that to happen without an appeal to Seebeck to change the dates on the stamps to 1893, and he refused. That is the only plausible answer.

It is evident that the relations between Seebeck and the Ecuadorian officials had become strained. They refused to surrender all of the unsold remainder of the 1894 and 1895 issues, a violation of the contract.

Seebeck could have legally terminated the agreement then. The probable reason he did not was that the plates for the 1896 types had been prepared, and reprints from them would have been worthless, unless the plates had been validated by a printing for actual postal service in Ecuador. We know there had been a small issue of the 1896 series, after which Seebeck dropped the contract.

Of course he retained the stamp plates of the years 1892, 1894, 1895 and 1896, and was at liberty to produce any quantity of reprints from them.

The reprints are on thicker paper than the originals, and the stamps of the years mentioned require considerable study before one can tell an original from a reprint.

For a number of years after Samoa was mandated to New Zealand, New Zealand stamps were overprinted with "Samoa" to serve as postage.

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Before the last war interrupted ASCCA activities, the annual exhibitions were anticipated with pleasure and it is hoped that "CHESAPEX '53," will reestablish this reputation. For this year exhibits will be restricted to members of the associated societies.

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TRIESTE

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ings and death of Jesus Christ for the Redemption of the World. The first Holy Year was decreed by the Pope in 1300. A pilgrimage to Rome wherein one visits the four major basilicas, St. Peter, St. Paul outside the walls, St. John Lateran, and St. Mary Major, combined with confession, receiving Holy Communion and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope, gains a plenary indulgence for the one who does it.

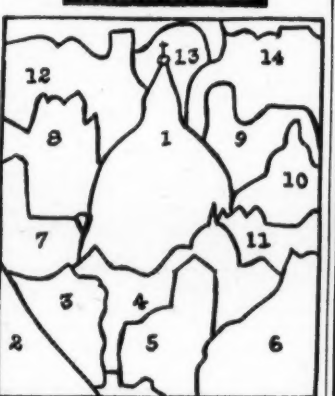


Chart to identify the fourteen churches on the Holy Year set.

For those who cannot make the trip to Rome, four churches were designated in each area in the world to be visited, instead of those in Rome. The indulgence of the Holy Year of 1950 was extended to the year 1951 also.

Churches Shown On The stamps

1. St. Peter's, Rome—in 67 A.D. St. Peter was crucified in the Circus of Nerb on Vatican Hill. Close by was a cemetery where the Christian martyrs were interred, and there the body of St. Peter was laid.

In 90 AD to mark this spot, Pope Anacletus erected a small oratory over the grave of Peter. At the request of Pope Sylvester I, Constantine destroyed the old circus and on its foundations raised the first basilica to the Apostle, half as large as the present one.

In the 15th century it threatened to collapse, and Nicholas V determined to reconstruct it on a larger scale. Under Bernardino Rossellini and I. Leon Battista the work was begun in 1450. At the death of Nicholas the walls were only a few feet high.

Work proceeded slowly until Julius II was elected Pope in 1503. He secured Bramante to continue the work. The old basilica was gradually demolished and on April 18, 1506, the new cornerstone was laid.

Bramante's plan was for a building in the form of a Greek Cross. Leo X, Julius' successor put the work in the hands of Giuliano da Sangallo, Gioconda da Verona and Raphael. Raphael wanted the build-

ing in the shape of a Latin Cross, and the others held for the original Greek Cross design, and not much was accomplished.

Under Paul III, Antonio da Sangallo, Baldassare Peruzzi and Michaelangelo took over. Michaelangelo was given the power to change Bramante's Plans, but he too preferred a Greek Cross design. He began the work on the dome, saying that he would raise the Pantheon in the air.

After Michaelangelo's death G. della Porta, Vighola, Pirro, Ligorio and Carlo Moderno were the architects. Maderno changed the plans to a Latin Cross under Paul IV, and finished the facade in 1614. The Church was dedicated in 1626 by Pope, Urban VII. It took 176 years to build and cost approximately 45 million dollars.

The nave is 630 feet long and the transept is 499 feet wide. The facade is 124 yards long and 133 feet high, surmounted by a balustrade with the figures of Christ and

the apostles 19 feet high. The total height of the dome including the cross is 435 feet. The bronze ball on top is eight feet in diameter and can hold 16 persons.

The Colonnade around the Piazza of St. Peter is by Bernini in 1667 under Pope Alexander VII, and is 19 yards wide, and 25 yards high. Four rows of columns form a central passage for carriages among the 284 columns and buttresses. It is surmounted by 182 statues of the saints, each 12 feet high.

The obelisk was brought from Egypt and formerly stood in Nero's Circus, near the site of the present sacristy. In 1586 Sixtus V had it moved to its present site by D. Fontana, who estimated its weight as more than 320 tons. It is 133 feet high. The Piazza is 215 yards at its greatest width. The interior of St. Peter's was decorated by the greatest artists of the

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